

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2015
Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Wescott, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick, Director of Public Works Scott Schatschneider and Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** George Doxtator(1st), Hans Walther(2nd), Michael O’Meara(3rd), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), and Randal Stroik(9th).

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Michael Ostrowski – Community Development, Joel Lemke – Public Utilities and Transportation, Tom Schrader – Parks and Recreation.

ALDERPERSONS: Mike Wiza(4th), Mary Stroik(5th), Roger Trzebiatowski(7th), Mike Phillips(10th), and Jerry Moore(11th).

CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Attorney A. Logan Beveridge, City Clerk John Moe, Police Dept. Tom Zenner, and Fire Chief Bob Finn.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nate Enwald – P.C. Gazette, Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point City Times, Barb Jacob – 1616 Depot Street, Shawn Morrow – 2509 Falcon Cove, Bob Fisch – 1033 Smith Street, Neil Prendergast – 1924 Plover Street, Heidi Oberstadt – 456 Wadleigh Street, Jeff Sandberg and Kevin Hagen – AECOM Technical Services.

Mayor Gary Wescott called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. on March 9, 2015. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Center located at 1519 Water Street in Stevens Point, WI 54481.

1. Consideration and possible action to create an Airport Commission (Section 3.53 of the Revised Municipal Code).

There were no questions or raised discussion regarding this ordinance change.

Aldersperson Stroik moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson Walther to accept the creation of an Airport Commission.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action to amending the airport regulations to reflect the creation of an Airport Commission (Section 8.16 of the Revised Municipal Code).

There were no questions or raised discussion regarding this ordinance change.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved approval; seconded by Aldersperson O’Meara to amend the airport regulations to reflect the creation of an Airport Commission.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration and possible action to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Director Schatschneider had nothing to add to the Director's Report.

Aldersperson Stroik asked if there was anything to update on the IT direction.

Director Lemke said that he believes there will be a proposal ready to bring to the board next month to either approve or comment on.

Bob Fisch, 1033 Smith Street mentioned an idea he had that may add to the safety progress at the Franklin and Division Street intersection. He thought that some sort of signal to the south of the Fire Station driveway to stop traffic for pedestrians might help and could possibly be incorporated to work with the Fire Station to stop traffic when there is an emergency. He also stated an idea he had regarding the Church Street and CenterPoint Drive intersection. He thinks we should make a preliminary recommendation on whether 2 standard vehicle lanes will be sufficient enough there. He also asked if we could look at some sort of two-way protected bike lane to be incorporated to connect MSTC to College Avenue in a convenient fashion.

Mayor Wescott moved to approve the Director's Report and place it on file; Seconded by Aldersperson O'Meara.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. Consideration and possible action to award the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Repair Project to Wroblewski Concrete Construction LLC in the amount not to exceed \$118,308.26.

Director Schatschneider explained that we had four bidders this year and all the bids were very competitive. He also added that we are starting to see some outside bidders wanting to travel to Stevens Point to do the work.

Aldersperson O'Meara moved to award of the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Project #15-05 to Wroblewski Concrete of Stevens Point in an amount not to exceed \$118,308.26; seconded by Aldersperson Doxtator.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. Consideration and possible action to reconsider the TIA study limits.

Director Schatschneider explained that after looking into how many unknowns there are, we are recommending to reconsider the price of doing a full blown TIA on the entire corridor. He feels at this time it would be better to only study the E.M. Copps intersection so we don't end up redoing intersections over again in the future.

Aldersperson O'Meara agreed with the Director's thoughts and moved approval of the reconsideration of the TIA study limits.

Director Schatschneider asked if there would be any concern if he came back next month with a proposed contract from AECOM given their history in the industrial park with Crossroad Commons in 2004 and the analysis of Business Park Drive and CTH HH and also CTH R and CTH HH.

Alderman O'Meara said that would be completely reasonable; seconded by Alderman Walther.

Mayor Wescott added that he concurs with Director Schatschneider's recommendation also.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. Consideration and possible action to amend the No Parking Ordinance on Jefferson Street (Section 9.05(j) of the Revised Municipal Code).

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Director Schatschneider explained that he has had some calls regarding a safety issue going on due to the generated traffic since Copps Food Center has been in business. The issue is folks are running in a blind spot when wanting to turn onto Jefferson Street from Pinecrest Avenue due to the cars that park along the north side of Jefferson Street. The recommendation is to move the No Parking on Jefferson Street from 75 feet to 171 feet from the Pinecrest Avenue intersection.

Bob Fisch, 1033 Smith recommended that we look at no parking on the north side of Jefferson Street all the way to Texas Avenue.

Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot Street asked that we look at all parking on Jefferson Street as long as we are looking at it. She feels that parking on Jefferson Street as a whole is bad.

Alderman Trzebiatowski took the podium and reiterated Barb Jacobs in that we should look at parking along Jefferson Street as a whole. He also feels we should look at the lighting in the area of discussion.

Alderman Doxtator agreed that we should eliminate parking all together on the north side of Jefferson Street between Pinecrest Avenue and Texas Avenue due to the safety of delivery truck traffic as well.

Director Schatschneider stated that the only issue that was brought to his attention was the safety from south bound traffic at the discussed intersection so he felt by moving the parking down approximately 100 feet (or just past the cross walk) would eliminate the concern.

Alderman Slowinski stated that Worzalla Publishing is not hurting for parking on their lot. He pointed out that he has driven truck in that area and it does get difficult trying to navigate into that driveway with the cars that park on the north side of Jefferson Street. He is supportive of no parking on the north side of Jefferson Street between Pinecrest Avenue and Texas Avenue.

Alderman O'Meara moved approval of the proposed change but asked the Director to come back next month with a proposal for taking traffic off the north side of the street. He feels that we should also give Worzalla Publishing a heads up and give them a chance to be able to come to the meeting and dispute it; seconded by Alderman Doxtator.

Aldersperson Slowinski asked if we would be better off postponing this till next month.

Aldersperson Stroik asked if the Director could call Worzalla Publishing this week to see if they have any issues and if not, we could amend it at City Council next Monday.

Mayor Wescott affirmed that we will have police and engineering look at it this week.

Aldersperson Walther asked if Worzalla Publishing had been contacted and if they had any response. Director Schatschneider stated that they have not been contacted because, in his opinion, this was enough of a safety issue to warrant doing something.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

7. Presentation/Update regarding options for the Electronic Message Board at Fire Station #1.

Director Schatschneider displayed a PowerPoint Presentation with a few other location options included.

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Aldersperson Stroik asked if this is an obligation that the city feels is part of a community service. He feels we should shut it down and sell it if we are not on the hook for the community service portion of it.

Aldersperson Slowinski stated that he does not feel there is any right place for it within the community and agreed with Aldersperson Stroik to look into selling it.

Aldersperson Stroik added that if we want to move it because it is currently a safety hazard on Division Street then he would not be able to recommend putting it anywhere for an overall safety reason for all constituents.

Mayor Wescott said since this is a presentation only, he feels we should do a little more research on selling it and report back to the board.

8. Presentation/Update from AECOM regarding the Hoover Road Grade Separation and the Coye Drive ICE.

Director Schatschneider introduced Jeff Sandberg and Kevin Hagen from AECOM to go through a PowerPoint Presentation.

Due to the length of the PowerPoint, please visit our website to view the full AECOM presentation.

Kevin Hagen is the Project Manager for the Hoover Road Grade Separation Project. He went through the design portion of the PowerPoint Presentation.

Jeff Sandberg is the Traffic Engineer for the Hoover Road Grade Separation Project. He explained the traffic statistic portion of the PowerPoint Presentation.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gary Wescott adjourned the March 9, 2015 Board of Public Works Meeting at 7:06 p.m.